

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 00935 160410Z
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
TRSE-00 ACDA-12 HA-05 /121 W
-----001585 160418Z /72

O 160308Z MAR 78 ZFF-4
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0066
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN NEW YORK 00935

E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNSC, XF
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: POSSIBLE ARAB CALL FOR SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING

1. LEBANESE AMB TUENI TOLD AMB LEONARD LATE MARCH 15
THAT ARAB GROUP, AFTER MEETING ALL AFTERNOON, HAD AGREED
TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS IN MORNING ON QUESTION OF
CALLING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. DELAY WAS TO ENABLE
TUENI TO CONTACT BEIRUT. TUENI SAID THERE WAS GREAT
EAGERNESS WITHIN GROUP FOR SC MEETING BUT THAT GROUP
WOULD DEFER TO LEBANESE WISHES ON WHETHER CALL SHOULD COME
FROM LEBANON ALONE OR WHOLE GROUP. (THIS DIFFERS SOME-
WHAT FROM VERSION GIVEN US BY EGYPTIAN MISSION, THAT
ARAB GROUP HAD DECIDED TO MAKE JOINT REQUEST MARCH 16 FOR
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 00935 160410Z

URGENT SC MEETING.)

2. TUENI WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE US VIEWS ON CONVENING
COUNCIL AND STRATEGY TO FOLLOW ONCE SC MEETS. HE SEEMED
QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT ARAB GROUP WOULD SUPPORT IDEA OF
CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT, PREFERABLY CONSENSUS ACTION THAT
COULD BE AGREED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. IN THIS

CONNECTION HE SAID HE HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET AMB TROYANOVSKY, WHOM HE FOUND RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF POSITIVE ACTION ARRIVED AT THROUGH CONSULTATIONS. THEY DID NOT DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF ACTION, HOWEVER, AND ARAB GROUP IS TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION IN MARCH 16 MEETING. HE SAID QUESTION OF POSSIBLE UN ROLE DID NOT COME UP IN ARAB MEETING, BUT NOTED THAT SYG WALDHEIM SEEMS KEEN ON SOME UN ROLE.

3. FOLLOWING TELCON WITH DEPT, LEONARD CALLED TUENI TO INFORM HIM THAT IF LEBANON DECIDED TO CALL FOR MEETING US WOULD SUPPORT INSCRIPTION, PARTICULARLY IF AGENDA ITEM WAS WORDED IN NEUTRAL MANNER. LEONARD MADE CLEAR US IS NOT REPEAT NOT URGING LEBANON TO INSCRIBE, BUT IF THAT IS LEBANON'S DECISION WE WILL SUPPORT IT.

4. TUENI ASKED IF INSCRIPTION BY LEBANON ALONE WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO INSCRIPTION BY ENTIRE ARAB GROUP. LEONARD SAID THAT ALTHOUGH WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS HE THOUGHT ACTION BY LEBANON ALONE WAS BEST. TUENI INDICATED AGREEMENT, SAYING THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY THEN BE IN BETTER POSITION TO CONTROL AND EVEN DRAG OUT CONSULTATIONS OVER TEXT OF A RESOLUTION.

5. TUENI ASKED THAT AMB PARKER CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING TO LEBANESE GOVT ASAP. HE PLANS TO CALL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USUN N 00935 160410Z

BEIRUT ABOUT 7 AM BEIRUT TIME. YOUNG

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LOBBYING, MEETINGS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978USUNN00935
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780116-0642
Format: TEL
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780357/aaaabwon.tel
Line Count: 95
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0ba917c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3298660
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOUTH LEBANON: POSSIBLE ARAB CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING
TAGS: PORG, XF, LE, UNSC, ARAB GROUP
To: BEIRUT STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0ba917c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014